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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2165**

**Introduced by Assembly ~~Member Strom-Martin~~ Members  
*Strom-Martin and Matthews***

February 20, 2002

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An act to amend Section 4200 of, ~~and to add Section 4200.2 to,~~ the Business and Professions Code, relating to pharmacy.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2165, as amended, Strom-Martin. Pharmacy: licensure.

Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, and other associated persons and entities by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Existing law requires the board to license a pharmacist who meets certain requirements, including passing a written examination given by the board.

This bill would change the requirements for issuance of a pharmacy license by the board, including that an applicant pass the board's written examination before December 31, 2002, or pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for California on or after January 1, 2003. *The bill would require an applicant to pass a written examination sufficient to demonstrate certain skills.* The bill would require a candidate licensed in another state to be licensed in good standing in the

other state. ~~The bill would also require the board to include certain items on the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for California.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4200 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4200. (a) The board shall license as a pharmacist, and issue
- 4 a certificate to, any applicant who meets all the following
- 5 requirements:
- 6 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.
- 7 (2) (A) Has graduated from a college of pharmacy or
- 8 department of pharmacy of a university recognized by the board;
- 9 or
- 10 (B) If the applicant graduated from a foreign pharmacy school,
- 11 the applicant has received a grade satisfactory to the board on an
- 12 examination designed to measure the equivalency of foreign
- 13 pharmacy education with that required of domestic graduates.
- 14 (3) Has completed at least 150 semester units of collegiate
- 15 study in the United States, or the equivalent thereof in a foreign
- 16 country. No less than 90 of those semester units shall have been
- 17 completed while in resident attendance at a school or college of
- 18 pharmacy.
- 19 (4) Has earned at least a baccalaureate degree in a course of
- 20 study devoted to the practice of pharmacy.
- 21 (5) Has had 1,500 hours of pharmaceutical experience in
- 22 accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
- 23 (A) "Pharmaceutical experience," constitutes service and
- 24 experience in a pharmacy under the personal supervision of a
- 25 pharmacist, and consists of service and experience predominantly
- 26 related to the selling of drugs, compounding physician's
- 27 prescriptions, preparing pharmaceutical preparations, and keeping
- 28 records and making reports required under state and federal
- 29 statutes.
- 30 (B) To be credited to the total number of hours required by this
- 31 subdivision, this experience shall have been obtained in



1 pharmacies and under conditions set forth by rule or regulation of  
2 the board.

3 (6) Has passed a written and practical examination given by the  
4 board prior to December 31, 2002, or has passed the North  
5 American Pharmacist Licensure Examination on or after January  
6 1, 2003.

7 (7) Has passed the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence  
8 Examination for California on or after January 1, 2003.

9 (8) *Has passed a written examination of contemporary*  
10 *standards of practice for pharmacists in California sufficient to*  
11 *demonstrate skills including, but not limited to, a proficiency in*  
12 *oral and written communication, the provision of pharmacist care,*  
13 *and the application of clinical knowledge to typical pharmacy*  
14 *practice situations.*

15 (9) If licensed as a pharmacist in another state, the candidate  
16 shall be licensed in good standing in that state.

17 (b) Proof of the qualifications of any applicant for licensure as  
18 a pharmacist, shall be made to the satisfaction of the board and  
19 shall be substantiated by affidavits or other evidence as may be  
20 required by the board.

21 (c) Each person, upon application for licensure as a pharmacist  
22 under this chapter, shall pay to the executive officer of the board,  
23 the fees provided by this chapter, which fees shall be compensation  
24 to the board for investigation or examination of the applicant.

25 ~~SEC. 2. Section 4200.2 is added to the Business and~~  
26 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

27 ~~4200.2. When developing the Multi-State Pharmacy~~  
28 ~~Jurisprudence Examination for California, the board shall include~~  
29 ~~all of the following:~~

30 ~~(a) Examination items to demonstrate the candidate's~~  
31 ~~proficiency in patient communication skills.~~

32 ~~(b) Aspects of contemporary standards of practice for~~  
33 ~~pharmacists in California, which shall include, but not be limited~~  
34 ~~to, the provision of pharmacist care and the application of clinical~~  
35 ~~knowledge to typical pharmacy practice situations that are not~~  
36 ~~evaluated by the North American Pharmacy Licensure~~  
37 ~~Examination.~~